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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 15, 2003

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Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated June 13, 2003 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-8, 12, 13, 20, 21, 23-26, 29 and 36-41.

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The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of three (3) month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §\$ 1.17 and 1.136(a).

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

- NO extensions of time have been previously obtained for responding to the Final Rejection. Thus a fee of \$0.00 is required for the <u>full period</u> of the above-requested
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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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Respectfully submitted,

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